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SUBJ: INTELSAT--PRC INTENTIONS

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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO OUR EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON PRC INTENTIONS RE INTELSAT
(REFTEL), SICE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY (HE IS AN ASSISTANT
TO LOUET) INFORMED US AUGUST 23 THAT LAST WEEK FIRST
SECRETARY HSU OF PRC CALLED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO
STATE POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON SUBJECT OF INTELSAT.
HSU CONSIDERS PARTICIPATION OF ROC IN INTELSAT TO BE
ILLEGAL. THEREFORE, "GOOD FRIENDS" OF PRC WILL RAISE
QUESTION AT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES IN NAIROBI AND ASK
FOR ROC'S EXPULSION FROM INTELSAT. ONCE ROC EXPELLED,
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PRC WILL THEN ASK JOIN AND WILL SIGNIFY ITS READINESS

TO DESIGNATE COMMUNICATIONS ENTITY AND TO ASSUME ALL OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

2. SICE SAID HE RAISED QUESTION OF ROC INVESTMENT IN INTELSAT. HSU REPLIED THAT PRC'S STANDARD POSITION WAS THAT IT WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ROC DEBTS OR OBLIGATIONS. HENCE, PEKING WOULD LAY NO RPT NO CLAIM TO ROC INVESTMENT IN INTELSAT AND THESE FUNDS COULD BE RETURNED TO ROC.

3. SICE SAID HE ALSO INQUIRED WHAT PRC POSITION WOULD BE CONCERNING ROC USE OF INTELSAT FACILITIES IF ROC WAS EXPELLED AND ITS PLACE WAS TAKEN BY PRC, SINCE THIS WOULD BE THE JUST REVERSE OF THE SITUATION EXISTING TODAY. HSU REPLIED THAT IN HIS OPINION THIS SHOULD POSE NO PROBLEM BUT IT WAS A MATTER THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED DIRECTLY WITH THE PRC DELEGATION AT NAIROBI. SICE STRESSED TO US POINTEDLY THAT HSU DID NOT SAY "NO" TO IDEA OF ROC USING INTELSAT FACILITIES.

4. SICE SAID THAT PENDING MORE THOROUGH STUDY OF PRC VIEWS AS CONVEYED BY HSU, GOF CONSIDERS PRC POSITION RE INTELSAT IS MORE OR LESS THE SAME AS THAT PRC HAS TAKEN WITHIN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH ROC WAS MEMBER. SICE FURTHER REMARKED THAT IF SOME FORMULA COULD BE WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE GUARANTEEING ROC CONTINUED USE OF INTELSAT FACILITIES, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF ROC COULD BE PREVAILED ON TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO WITHDRAW FROM ORGANIZATION. WE MERELY TOOK NOTE OF HIS REMARK.

5. SICE SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT CABLE TO FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON AUGUST 18 INSTRUCTING EMBASSY TO APPRISE DEPT. OF PRC DEMARCHE IN PARIS, INQUIRE IF PRC HAD MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHE TO USG AND, IF SO, TO ASCERTAIN WHAT POSITION DEPT. HAD TAKEN.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DEPT.'S RESPONSE TO FRENCH EMBASSY THIS SUBJECT AS AND WHEN FRENCH EMBASSY RAISES QUESTION IN WASHINGTON AS WELL
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AS RECEIVING WHATEVER FURTHER THOUGHTS DEPT.
MAY WISH US PASS ON TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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